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RECORD OF APPEAL

10-17-09

FROM A DECISION OF THE BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW

Date Appeal Filed With City Clerk: Aug. 2, 2009
Date Appeal Filed With City Clerk: Aug. 2, 2009 B.A.R. Case # July 28, 2009 2009 - 0109
Address of Project: 224 W. FAYETTE ST
Appellant is: (Check One)
B.A.R. Applicant
Other Party. State Relationship Property own
Address of Appellant: 220 E. Belle foute Ave. (Home) owner: 908 Pendleton St. (property in Racker Gr
Telephone Number: 703-732-7269
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Attach additional sheets, if necessary.
A Board of Architectural Review decision may be appealed to City Council either by the B.A.R applicant or by 25 or more owners of real estate within the effected district who oppose the decision of the Board of Architectural Review. Sample petition on rear.
All appeals must be filed with the City Clerk on or before 14 days after the decision of the B.A.R.
All appeals require a \$150.00 filing fee. *\tag{\tau}
If an appeal is filed, the decision of the Board of Architectural Review is stayed pending the City Council decision on the matter. The decision of City Council is final subject to the provisions of Sections 10-107, 10-207 or 10-309 of the Zoning Ordinance.
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August 5, 2009

Jackie M. Henderson City Clerk & Clerk of Council 301 King Street City Hall, Room 2300 Alexandria, Virginia 22314

DELIVERED BY HAND

In re: 224 North Fayette Street, Alexandria, Virginia

Dear Ms. Henderson:

In connection with the above-referenced matter, enclosed is a letter from Dorothy Taylor requesting that her signature be removed from the Petition.

If you have any questions concerning this, or require any further information, please do not hesitate to call.

Duncan W. Blair

DWB:kl\Henderson-Cromley 0809

Enclosure

cc: William Cromley

Lee Webb, Planning & Zoning

Boyd Walker

August 5, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

I, Dorothy Taylor, the owner of 406 North Alfred Street located in the Parker-Gray Historic District, signed a petition circulated by B. Walker to appeal a decision of the Board of Architectural Review granting a Permit to Demolish the former American Legion Building at 224 North Fayette Street.

It is my desire to have my name removed from the Petition. While my family and I had a close relationship with Post 129 and fond memories of times spent in the building, those memories will be cherished forever, but the building is not significant to the preservation of those memories and I do not object to its demolition.

Dorothy Taylor

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DELIVERED BY HAND

In re: 224 North Fayette Street, Alexandria, Virginia

Dear Ms. Henderson:

I am writing on behalf of our client, William Cromley, the owner of the above-referenced property. It is Mr. Cromley's understanding that a Petition appealing the Board of Architectural Review's granting a permit to demolish the structure located at 224 North Fayette Street is being circulated in the Parker-Gray District.

Last Friday Mr. Cromley was given a letter by Sara Harris, one of the signator's of the Petition, requesting that her name be taken off the Petition as when it was presented to her she was unclear as to the subject matter. In the event you receive such a Petition, Mrs. Harris' signature should be invalidated as a retraction has occurred prior to the filing of the Petition.

If you have any questions concerning this, or require any further information, please do not hesitate to call.

Very truly yours,

Duncan W. Blair

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Enclosure

cc: William Cromley

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ang. 1, 2009 To Whom it may conders, This is to inform you that d mistakenly sight the pittions re: The american Legion Half on Tayette St. as I was unclear to the subject matter. I am reguesting that you please tuto my Sa Sara Harris Sighned; Sarah Harris received 8/10/09

SPEAKER'S FORM

DOCKET ITEM NO. 11 PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND GIVE IT TO THE CITY CLERK BEFORE YOU SPEAK ON A DOCKET ITEM.

PLEASE ANNOUNCE THE INFORMATION SPECIFIED BELOW PRIOR TO SPEAKING.

1. NAME: Sonja Ingram

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TELEPHONE NO. 804-551-3249 E-MAIL: singram@preservationvirginia.org

3. WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT, IF OTHER THAN YOURSELF?

Preservation Virginia

4. WHAT IS YOUR POSITION ON THE ITEM?

5. NATURE OF YOUR INTEREST IN ITEM (PROPERTY OWNER, ATTORNEY, LOBBYIST, CIVIC INTEREST, ETC.):

Historic Presesvation Advocate

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Yes

This form shall be kept as a part of the permanent record in those instances where financial interest or compensation is indicated by the speaker.

A maximum of three minutes will be allowed for your presentation, except that one officer or other designated member speaking on behalf of each *bona fide* neighborhood civic association or unit owners' association desiring to be heard on a docket item shall be allowed five minutes. In order to obtain five minutes, you must identify yourself as a designated speaker, and identify the neighborhood civic association or unit owners' association you represent, at the start of your presentation. If you have a prepared statement, please leave a copy with the Clerk.

Additional time not to exceed 15 minutes may be obtained with the consent of the majority of the council present; provided notice requesting additional time with reasons stated is filed with the City Clerk in writing before 5:00 p.m. of the day preceding the meeting.

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Kathleen Pepper <jcleoblack@gmail.com>

10/13/2009 11:46 AM

Please respond to Kathleen Pepper <jcleoblack@gmail.com> To william.euille@alexandriava.gov, frank.fannon@alexandriava.gov, kerry.donley@alexandriava.gov, alicia.hughes@alexandriava.gov, council@krupicka.com, delpepper@aol.com,

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Subject COA Contact Us: Appeal of Demo Permit for American Legion Bldg

Time: [Tue Oct 13, 2009 11:46:03] Message ID: [16047]

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Subject:

Appeal of Demo Permit for American Legion Bldg

October 13, 2009

Dear Mayor Euille and members of City Council:

The

Alexandria Archaeological Commission (AAC) supports the appeal of the decision of the Parker-Gray Board of Architectural Review to grant a permit for the demolition of the American Legion Building at 224 North Fayette Street and urges City Council to overturn that decision.

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Legion Building (William Thomas Post), along with the still extant adjoining playground, was built in 1944 as a nursery and day care for the children of African-Americans working to support the war effort during World War II. It is the last remaining building in Alexandria associated with the education of African Americans in Alexandria prior to de-segregation. The building was not built to be fancy and is an example of

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attending other clubs due to segregation. It was built to serve as
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and should be celebrated and preserved as such.

Comments:

In recognition of its

vernacular architectural style and its place in the African-American heritage of Alexandria, the building was listed as a contributing structure to the Uptown/Parker-Gray National Register Historic District. The building should not be demolished and have the legacy associated with it be reduced to an historical reference. Its loss would be another loss of African-American heritage and history in Alexandria and would eliminate one of the strong supports for the Uptown/Parker-Gray National Register Historic District. The Archaeology Commission respectfully supports the appeal and the overturning of the Parker-Gray Board of Architectural Review's demolition permit.

Sincerely,

S. Kathleen Pepper Chair,

Alexandria Archaeological Commission

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Subject COA Contact Us: 224 N Fayette St Demolition

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Please see attached letter, I also plan on attending the meeting to

Comments: speak.

Thank you,

Sonja Ingram/

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NATIONAL TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION

October 13, 2009

Mayor Euille and Alexandria City Council Members Alexandria City Hall 301 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Mayor Euille and Alexandria City Council Members:

On behalf of Preservation Virginia and along with the Greater Alexandria Preservation Alliance, I am expressing concern about the proposed demolition of the historic structure located at 224 N. Fayette Street, and encouraging Alexandria's City Council to appeal the decision for demolition made by the Parker-Gray Board of Architectural Review.

Located in the Parker-Gray/Uptown Historic District, 224 N. Fayette St. was originally a nursery school for African–American children and later became an American Legion Post named for William Thomas, the first African–American from Alexandria to be killed during World War I. This was the only American Legion Post in Alexandria that allowed entrance of African-American.

The Parker Gray/Uptown Historic District was formed in part to protect the historic African-American neighborhood and to assist in the understanding of African-American culture and community in Alexandria. Several buildings in this historic district have already been lost. The demolition of any more of the historic structures would irreparably alter the historic character of the neighborhood.

While the structure is not a high-style architectural masterpiece, it is a fine example of a vernacular structure. Simple, wood structures such as 224 N. Fayette Street are quite indicative of social institutions for African-Americans and the history of these structures is no less important than the history pertaining to Colonial-era structures.

After visiting the site in August, I believe that the building fits well with the scale and character of the neighborhood and serves to create a pleasant and successful juxtaposition of old and new buildings. Also, in agreement with the staff of the Board of Architectural Review, there appears to be no structural reasons for demolition. The building does not appear to be significantly deteriorated beyond repair, and is in fact virtually unaltered with almost all of its original details intact.

In today's climate of sustainability and green building practices, it is understood that the reuse of historic structures is the ultimate in sustainability and conservation. A quarter of most landfill sites are made up of construction debris and much of that waste comes from the razing of existing structures. It is also often less expensive to renovate than to demolish a historic building with the assistance of state and federal tax credits and façade easements. Perhaps most importantly rehabilitation of existing structures

contributes positively to the local economy through direct and indirect employment, materials, services and tax revenue.

For these reasons I urge you to appeal the decision made to demolish 224 N. Fayette Street. Denying the demolition of 224 N. Fayette Street will help retain the importance of the Parker-Gray/Uptown Historic District, assist in the sustainability and responsible resource management that we need for the 21st century, and speak to Alexandria's demonstrated record of historic preservation for all of its diverse historic neighborhoods.

Sincerely,

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THE ALEXANDRIA SOCIETY FOR THE PRESERVATION OF BLACK HERITAGE, INC.

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Re: Preservation of the American Legion Building and Site

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* Deceased

Dear Distinguished Council Members:

On behalf of The Alexandria Society for the Preservation of Black Heritage, Inc. I want to express our strong support for the diligent efforts by our community members to preserve the American Legion Building at 224 North Fayette Street. This important historic World War II era landmark stands today as a reminder to all Alexandria citizens and visitors of the vital cultural contributions of our African American community.

The history of this important landmark serving as a nursery-day care center for African American children when it was built during WW II and later serving as a popular social club for the community is part of an illustrious trail of important African American historic sites. There are so few tangible examples of these historic, cultural landmarks still standing today here in Alexandria, yet the City's vitality is seamlessly intertwined with the African American experience of the past and present. The American Legion Building and its adjacent playground should be preserved at all costs, not only for the enrichment of the residents of the Parker Gray National Register historic district, but for the Alexandria community at-large!

We urge you to support whatever proposal that preserves this important building and its site as a tangible reminder of the rich cultural heritage of the City's African Americans.

Sincerely,

Carlton A. Funn, Sr.

Chairman, The Alexandria Society for the Preservation of Black Heritage, Inc.

10-17-09 Carlton Funn



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To: Alexandria City Council

From: Carlton A. Funn Sr.

American Legion Post #129 Subject:

I am a native Alexandrian, a retired teacher of 38 years. I am chairperson of the Alexandria Society For The Preservation Of Black Heritage, Inc.. We are celethe material Legion Post 129 can be restored and add

economic value to Alexandria as the Torpedo Factory Art Center has done for that area.

Question? Why would it be suggested that the Post be offered to the Smithsonian Institute Museum Of African American History if there were no value in this building?

This is the 👣th grade Va. History text that I had to use at the old Lyles-Crouch Elementary School. It is like many history text at that time, lacking contributions and achievements of the African American. This is the text that mo vivated me to assemble an exhibit which is in its 51st year of existence, consuming 28 cultural groups.

Council, please carefully ponder this decision and think of some way we can save this Historical Building and use to benefit all of Alexandrias citizens.

Thank You-

C.A. Funn is,

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October 15, 2009

The Honorable William D. Euille Members of the Alexandria City Council Room 2300, City Hall 301 King Street Alexandria, VA 22314

RE: BAR Case 2009-0109, 224 North Fayette Street

Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members:

The Board of Directors of the Historic Alexandria Foundation strongly objects to the proposal to demolish the American Legion Lodge and former Alexandria Nursery School at 224 North Fayette Street. The Historic Alexandria Foundation was founded in 1954 and during the era of urban renewal, the Foundation helped persuade government to reconsider the proposed demolition of buildings that give us a sense of our history as a city. Preservation and restoration of such landmarks as the Lyceum and the Lloyd House, among many other properties, were spearheaded by the Foundation. 224 North Fayette is also a landmark building and important to retain as part of our City's history and as part of the historic tapestry of the Uptown-Parker Gray Historic District.

Constructed by the City as a nursery school and day care for the African American children in the neighborhood of Fayette and Queen Streets during World War II, the building enabled working African American families to provide their children with a safe environment while they were working on the war effort. This place of learning and day care for children led to their progression to the Parker-Gray Elementary and High Schools, both of which are now demolished. Thus, the building is the only extant example of the history of education of African American children in the Parker Gray Historic District.

The building's use as an American Legion Post lodge for African Americans for over three decades is also significant. During the years after the war it served as the only American Legion outpost in Alexandria open to African Americans. As a social, cultural and recreational center for many African-Americans in the Parker-Gray neighborhood it provides a physical presence that contributes to our understanding of the era of

segregation. The building is now a sole reminder of these two important aspects of the educational and social/cultural history in the era of segregation.

The demolition permit should be denied, and the council should direct staff and community organizations to work with the purchaser to find an appropriate adaptive use. Many uses could be found that do not necessitate changing the form and character of the structure but such creative results do not happen without the time and agreement of all parties to work together.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Gail C. Rothrock, Board Member Historic Alexandria Foundation

c. Dr. Morgan D. Delaney, President John Hynan, Advocacy Chairman

Stephen Milone/Alex

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To Jackie Henderson/Alex@Alex, Gloria Sitton/Alex@Alex

cc "Charles Ablard" <ablardc@osdgc.osd.mil>, "Boyd Walker" <boydwalker@hotmail.com>, "Charles Trozzo Historic C" <ctrozzo@crai.com>, "Duncan Blair StP"

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Subject Re: 224 N.Fayette Street Please make this item available to the city Council for Tomorrow's meeting.

Hi Jackie,

I am forwarding an additional submission sent for the BAR appeal docket item #11.

"Ed Ablard" <eablard@ablard.com>



"Ed Ablard" <eablard@ablard.com> 10/16/2009 08:53 AM

To "Stephen Milone P&Z" <stephen.milone@alexandriava.gov>

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October 15, 2009

Ed Ablard 18 West Del Ray Avenue Alexandria, VA 22301

224 N. Fayette Street Re:

Dear Mr. Ablard:

I reviewed the information you provided for the above referenced property. The building located at 224 N. Fayette Street is approximately 20' wide by 80' deep. The side walls are approximately 11' high and the gable end walls are approximately 17' high. My estimate of the total amount of siding installed on this building is 1,880 s.f. I estimate the removal of asbestos siding in this quantity would cost between \$5-\$6/s.f. for a total cost of \$9,400 - \$11,280. I also reviewed this information with an asbestos abatement company. They indicated that this estimate should be adequate for the work described. Removal requirements of asbestos siding can vary by jurisdiction based on local requirements and I recommend verifying the local abatement requirements.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Bellanca Construction, LLC

Chris Bellanca President

A.R. Meyers + Associates

December 21, 2000

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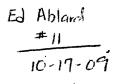
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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE WASHINGTON HEADQUARTERS SERVICES WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301-1155

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MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, REAL ESTATE AND FACILITIES
DIRECTOR, FEDERAL FACILITIES DIVISION
DIRECTOR, LEASED FACILITIES DIVISION
DIRECTOR, SPACE PLANS AND ACQUISITION DIVISION
DIRECTOR, PROCUREMENT AND CONTRACTS OFFICE

SUBJECT: Guidelines and Procedures for Asbestos Abatement and Removal Control.

The Guidelines and Procedures for Asbestos Abatement and Removal Control have been updated to reflect current methods of operation.

For your convenience a complete copy of the revised February, 1991 edition is attached.

The following changes were made in this edition:

Section 15.0, Record Keeping (15.1), has been revised.

Appendix E, Floor Tile Removal, has been revised.

If there are any questions regarding the guide please call the Safety and Occupational Health Office (SOHO) on x33683.

MICHAEL J. LANGONE, Director Safety and Occupational Health Office

Attachment:

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Issued 3/4/91

APPENDIX G

DISTURBED AND/OR SUSPECT ASBESTOS CONTAINING MATERIAL

When known Asbestos Containing Material (ACM) is disturbed and abandoned, or suspect ACM is found, the following procedure will be initiated.

The finder shall immediately inform the Safety and Occupational Health Office (SOHO), who in turn will advise the building Facility Asbestos Control Manager (FACM).

The SOHO will then:

- Inspect the area.
- If necessary take air samples.
- Determine if the occupants should be evacuated.
- Take bulk samples and have analyzed.
- Verbally and in writing, advise the agency/organization using the area of their responsibility to identify the party or parties responsible for disturbing the ACM.
- If attempts to identify the responsible party or parties fails, enlist the help of the Defense Protective Service (DPS).
- If the disturbance of ACM is directly related to work done by an agency/ organization in their occupied space, or in a common use area, they will be held liable for all costs incurred to correct the problem.
- Create and maintain a file of the incident which will be turned over to the FACM when the area has been deemed safe, and the file is closed.

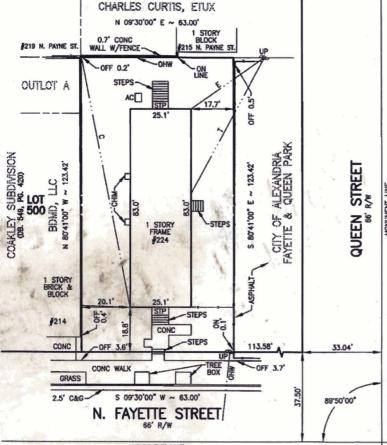
The SOHO shall be responsible for the inspection and enforcement of this procedure.

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FOR SALE

224 N. Fayette St. Alexandria, VA 22314





- Building is conveniently located in Old Town Alexandria in the King St. Metro District
- Building Size: 2,000 SF
- Lot Size: 7,775 SF (0.18 AC)
- Zoning: CRMU/M
- Price: \$629,000



Call today for more information (703) 757-8220
Ask for Mike Brown or Blair White

ZONING – CRMU/M

Sec. 5-200 CRMU-M/Commercial residential mixed use (medium).

5-201 Purpose. The intent of the CRMU-M zone is to establish a zoning classification which permits developments that include a mixture of residential, commercial, cultural, and institutional uses in a single structure or multiple but integrated and related structures; to encourage a diversification of uses in unified projects located in proximity to metro stations in order to encourage the conservation of land resources, minimization of automobile travel, and the location of employment and retail centers in proximity to housing; and to promote the development of mixed use projects by allowing greater densities than would otherwise be permitted to the extent the proposed mix of uses, design and location of the development warrant.

5-202 Permitted uses. The following uses are permitted in the CRMU-M zone:

- (A) Single-family dwelling;
- (A.1) Two-family dwelling;
- (A.2) Townhouse dwelling;
- (B) Multifamily dwelling;
- (C) Business and professional office;
- (D) Medical laboratory;
- (E) Medical office;
- (E.1) Motor vehicle parking or storage for 20 vehicles or fewer;
- (F) Personal service establishment;
- (G) Radio or television broadcasting office and studio;
- (H) Retail shopping establishment;
- (I) Utilities, as permitted by section 7-1200;
- (J) Accessary uses, as permitted by section 7-100.
- **5-203 Special uses.** The following uses may be approved, pursuant to the procedures and regulations for special use permits and subject to the criteria of section 5-209 below:
- (A) Amusement enterprise;
- (B) Apartment hotel;
- (B.1) Bakery exceeding 3,500 square feet which includes a retail component;
- (C) Bus shelter on private property;
- (D) Congregate housing facility;
- (E) Convenience store;
- (F) Day care center;
- (G) Drive through facility;
- (H) Health and athletic club;
- (I) Home for the elderly;
- (J) Hotel;
- (K) Motor vehicle parking or storage for more than 20 vehicles;
- (L) Nursing or convalescent home or hospice;
- (L.1) Outdoor food and crafts market;
- (M) Private school, academic or commercial;

- (N) Restaurant.
- **5-204 Prohibited uses.** Any use which is not a permitted, special or accessory use pursuant to this section 5-200 is prohibited.
- **5-205 Floor area ratio.** The permitted floor area ratio of a development in the CRMU-M zone depends on whether a single use or mixture of uses is proposed and whether a special use permit is sought.
- (A) Single use. If a parcel is developed for only commercial use or for only residential use, the maximum permitted floor area ratio is:
- (1) Commercial: .75 FAR, or
- (2) Residential: 1.0 FAR
- In the case of either (1) or (2), an additional .25 of retail use is permitted.
- (B) *Mixed use*. If a parcel is developed for both commercial and residential use, and the residential use constitutes at least 25 percent of the floor space of the development, the maximum permitted floor area ratio is 1.0 plus an additional .25 of retail use.
- (C) Mixed use or residential/SUP. If at least 50 percent of the floor space of the proposed development is for residential use and if the commercial use within such a development does not exceed a floor area ratio of .75, then, with a special use permit, the maximum permitted floor area ratio may be increased to an amount not to exceed 2.0.
- **5-206 Height.** The maximum permitted height of buildings is that height indicated in the applicable small area plan.
- **5-207 Open space requirements.** Each residential development or residential portion of a mixed use development shall provide a minimum of 40 percent of land area as open and usable space; provided however that a portion of the space which would otherwise be required as green area may be met by comparable amenities and/or facilities provided in lieu thereof if such amenities or facilities meet or exceed the beneficial purposes which such green areas would accomplish. A determination by the director or by council in the case of a special use permit shall be made in each case as to whether the open space provided, in addition to meeting the technical definition of open space, is functional and usable.
- **5-208 Calculation of floor area ratio and uses.** The following rules shall apply for the purpose of calculating the mix of uses under section 5-205.
- (A) The following uses shall be considered retail:
- (1) Amusement enterprises:
- (2) Health and athletic club;
- (3) Restaurant.
- (B) Hotel and nursing or convalescent home or hospice uses shall be considered commercial.
- (C) Commercial use shall include all floor space which is not residential.
- **5-209 Special use permit considerations.** In addition to the above regulations and the procedures and criteria for special use permits generally, city council

shall consider the following in determining whether to approve a special use permit for mixed use development:

- (A) The number, viability and compatibility of the individual uses proposed and their physical and functional integration.
- (B) The ability of the design to promote the integration of uses within the project and to promote compatibility of the project with the neighborhood.
- (C) The inclusion of site amenities, open space and features, supporting uses and community and cultural facilities in a manner which encourages pedestrian use and promotes internal compatibility of uses.
- (D) The distribution of floor area ratio over the site so that the mass and scale of buildings do not overwhelm and are compatible with neighboring areas.
- (E) The mixed use character of the proposed development such that the project's dominant character is not commercial.
- **5-210 Use limitations.** Health club use shall include health, athletic, and bath clubs or establishments, massage establishment, including facilities incidental to such uses; provided, however, that a special use permit granted for the operation of a massage establishment as defined in section 11-4-1 of the city code shall apply exclusively to the permittee named therein and shall not be transferable to any other firm or individual.
- 5-211 Additional regulations for single-family, two-family and townhouse dwellings.
- (A) Lot size. Each single-family dwelling shall be located on a lot with a minimum land area of 5,000 square feet. In the case of a two-family dwelling, the lot shall contain 2,500 square feet of land area for each dwelling unit.
- (B) Frontage. When measured at both the front lot line and the front building line, each single-family dwelling and two-family duplex dwelling requires a minimum of 50 feet of frontage, and a semi-detached dwelling requires a minimum frontage of 37.5 feet for each dwelling unit.
- (C) Yards. For residential uses the following yard requirements apply: Each single-family, two-family and townhouse dwelling shall provide a front yard of 20 feet; a rear yard based on a 1:1 setback ratio and a minimum of eight feet; and side yards based on a 1:3 setback ratio and a minimum of eight feet. Each interior end unit townhouse shall provide a side yard based on a 1:3 setback ratio and a minimum of eight feet.
- (D) *Mixed use*. When a development includes both residential and nonresidential uses, the residential lot size, frontage and yard regulations shall be applicable to the residential component of the development.
- **5-212** Accessory apartments. One or two apartment dwelling units, located on a floor or floors above retail or commercial uses, shall be permitted as an accessory use. Such apartments shall be categorized as nonresidential for the purpose of applying the area and bulk regulations of this zone, and each such apartment shall provide the parking required for a multifamily dwelling unit of equivalent size.

(Ord. No. 3612, §§ 1, 2, 1-23-93; Ord. No. 3629, §§ 1--4, 5-15-93; Ord. No. 3753, § 1, 9-27-94; Ord. No. 3912, §§ 3, 4, 1-25-97; Ord. No. 3946, § 2, 6-24-97)

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TRANSMITTED BY E-MAIL

In re: October 17, 2009 City Council Public Hearing Meeting -Docket Item No. 11 BAR Case #2009-0109 – 224 North Fayette Street

Dear Mayor Euille and Members of Council:

On behalf of our client, William C. Cromley, I am requesting that the City Council consider and adopt the following consolidation of conditions numbered 1 and 10 of the Parker Gray Board of Architectural Review's approval of the demolition of 224 North Fayette Street be consolidated into a new revised condition number 1. The intent of this request is to create consistency and to more clearly define the process by which appropriate plan to interpret and commemorate the history associated with the property at the south west corner of Queen and North Fayette streets and the building can be accomplished.

Proposed Revised Condition number 1 to consolidate Conditions numbered 1 and 10.

1. The applicant agrees to work with the City Staff to develop a plan to interpret and commemorate the history associated with the property at the south west corner of Queen and North Fayette streets and the building. The plan shall be submitted as part of a preliminary development/site plan for the redevelopment of the property. The plan shall investigate the feasibility of incorporating and elements of the historical character and archaeological findings into the design of the open space and interpretive signage.

Existing Condition 1 to be deleted.

1. That the applicant work with the Board, the community, and City Staff to develop a means to interpret and commemorate the history associated with the building, prior to the issuance of a Demolition Permit from the Office of Building and Fire Code Administration.

The Honorable William D. Euille, Mayor Members of the Alexandria City Council City of Alexandria October 16, 2009 Page -2-

Existing Condition 10 to be deleted.

10. The applicant shall hire a professional consultant to work with staff and the landscape designers to incorporate and interpret elements of the historical character and archaeological findings into the design of the open space and to prepare interpretive signs, which shall be erected as part of the development project. The site plan shall indicate themes and locations of interpretive elements. Prior to release of the final site plan, the consultant shall provide text and graphics for the signage subject to approval by the Office of Historic Alexandria/Alexandria Archaeology and the Directors of P&Z and RP&CA.

On behalf of Mr Cromley thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this request

If you have any questions concerning this, please do not hesitate to call.

Very truly yours,

Duncan W. Blair

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cc: William C. Cromley

Faroll Hamer, Director, Department of Planning & Zoning

Dr. Pamela J. Cressey, City Archaeologist

Historic Alexandria Resources Commission 220 North Washington Street Alexandria, Virginia 22314-2521 (703) 838-4554

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Subject: 224 N. Fayette Street

Dear Council Members,

I want to add my voice to those who are advocating

that the American Legion Building on Fayette Street remain in the original

location and be put to a new use. There are many possibilities the reuse

of the building and potential tax breaks available.

The structure is an

Comments:

important part of the history of African-Americans in Alexandria. Every

effort should be made to preserve the building on the site for future

generations.

I am out of town or I would be there to testify at the

hearing. Thank you,

Elizabeth F. Jones

On July 22, 2009, the Parker-Gray Board of Architectural Review voted to approve William Cromley's application for demolition of the structure located at 224 North Fayette Street. While much has been and can still be done to honor the past in our neighborhood, preserving this building doesn't make economic or historic sense. The building does not meet the City of Alexandria's established criteria for preservation.

We the undersigned agree with the Parker-Gray Board of Architectural Review's decision to support Mr. Cromley's application to demolish the building.

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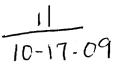
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Subject COA Contact Us: City Council review of BAR Case 2009-0109

Time: [Thu Oct 15, 2009 16:40:10] Message ID: [16142]

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City Council review of BAR Case 2009-0109

October 15, 2009

Mayor William D. Euille Members of the Alexandria

City Council Room 2300, City Hall 301 King Street Alexandria, VA 22314

RE: BAR Case 2009-0109, Alexandria Nursery School at 224 North Fayette

Street

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Architectural Review, Parker-Gray District to approve the application for a
Permit to Demolish the former African-American Nursery School and American
Legion Post 129 at 224 North Fayette Street. In spite of the staff's
recommendation to deny the demolition permit, the Board's decision to
approve the demolition shows a lack of respect for the historic resources
that make Alexandria a unique and noteworthy historic community. I believe
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greatly underestimated and its demolition would be a tremendous loss not
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as a whole. This building is a contributing resource to the
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while the parents were able to seek employment or work outside of the home.

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derived "from the African American institutions that were located there
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Comments:

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Sincerely,

Laura V. Trieschmann Director, Survey and Documentation EHT Traceries Attachment: 40689f9696e13828a69a1c8870adf4c7.pdf



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³ Necciai, page 27.

² "Nursery School for Alexandria Virginia, Plan No. 1162," Division of School Buildings, State Department of Education, Richmond, Virginia, August 1943 (archived at the Virginia State Library, Richmond, Virginia); "Alexandria School Head Makes Annual Report," *Washington Post*, 14 July 1944, page 6; "Building Permits Rise," *Washington Post*, 4 February 1944, page 7.

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Subject COA Contact Us: Appeal of BAR CASE # 2009-0109 224 N. Fayette Street

Time: [Fri Oct 09, 2009 19:10:32] Message ID: [15983]

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Subject: Appeal of BAR CASE # 2009-0109 – 224 N. Fayette Street

Dear Mayor Euille and Members of the Alexandria City Council:

Please

accept these comments on the merits of the appeal challenging the decision

of the Parker-Gray Board of Architectural Review ("the Board") approving

Mr. Bill Cromley's application for a permit to demolish the existing

building at 224 N. Fayette Street. I had planned to attend the October

Comments: 17th hearing on this matter. Unfortunately, I will be out of the country

for the next ten days and therefore will not be able to attend. I hope

that you will accept these written comments in lieu of an oral

presentation.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Philip Moffat

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Philip Moffat 534 N. Columbus Street Alexandria, Virginia 22314

October 9, 2009

Via E-Mail

The Honorable William D. Euille, Mayor of Alexandria and Members of the Alexandria City Council Alexandria City Hall
301 King Street
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

Re: Appeal of BAR CASE # 2009-0109 – 224 N. Fayette Street

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In my opinion, the City Council should support the decision that the Board reached in this matter. The Board approved the project after considering the merits of the application as presented during the Board's June and July hearings. The Board reviewed the criteria set out in the Zoning Ordinance, Section 10-205(B), and concluded that neither the Planning and Zoning Department ("P&Z") Staff's analysis nor the public testimony demonstrated that the building is of such significance or character that its demolition would be detrimental to the public interest. Accordingly, the Board approved the application as required by Section 10-203.

P&Z Staff recommended denying the application because Mr. Cromley had not demonstrated a "compelling reason" for the demolition, essentially arguing that the building should not be demolished since it had been listed as a contributing structure in the pending Uptown/Parker-Gray National Register Historic District application. It is my opinion, based on my understanding of the Ordinance, as well as my experience with the policies and practices of the Board, that there is no requirement for an applicant to present a compelling justification, nor is an applicant required to demonstrate an absence of harm to the public interest.

The Honorable William D. Euille, Mayor of Alexandria and Members of the Alexandria City Council October 9, 2009 Page 2 of 2

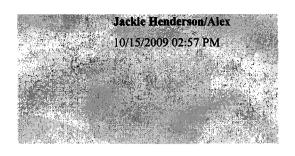
Should the City Council decide to modify the Board's decision, I would recommend that it reconsider the conditions placed on Mr. Cromley's permit. Simply stated, the conditions that have been imposed appear disproportionate to the project's scope and intensity. It continues to be my opinion that the conditions are more onerous than are necessary, especially when this project is compared to other projects that the Board has recently approved, such as the demolition of James Bland Homes. James Bland was the largest demolition project in the history of the Parker-Gray District. Although it included the total demolition of five blocks of contributing structures listed in the pending National Register application, it received fewer permit conditions than were placed on Mr. Cromley's permit.

The City Council has consistently demonstrated that when deciding appeals of the Board's decisions, it gives considerable deference to, and relies on, the independent judgment of the members of the Board and their evaluation of the Section 10-205(B) criteria. I hope that it will reflect upon the history of this matter, as well as the example that it provides, and render a decision supporting the Board's evaluation of the merits of Mr. Cromley's application.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit these comments for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Philip Moffat



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Subject Fw: Docket Item #11

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Subject RE: Docket Item #11

Ms. Henderson,

Please find attached a letter sent on behalf of Greg Riegle for distribution to Mayor Euille and Members of the Alexandria City Council for Saturday's hearing.

Thank you.

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October 15, 2009

The Honorable William D. Euille, Mayor of Alexandria and Members of the Alexandria City Council Alexandria City Hall 301 King Street Alexandria, VA 22314

RE: Appeal of BAR Case No. 2009-0109; 224 North Fayette Street (the "Appeal")

Dear Mayor Euille and Council Members:

Please accept these comments on the above-referenced Appeal. As reflected in the Minutes from the original Board of Architectural Review (BAR) hearing and decision, my wife Nancy and I each presented testimony in support of the Applicant's proposed demolition of the building at 224 N. Fayette Street.

For context, I am writing on behalf of the residents of the "Cromley Lofts" (the "Lofts") which is adjacent to, and, the closest occupied residential structure to the subject property. All of the residents of Lofts support the proposed demolition. The fact that the Applicant in this matter was also the Developer of the Lofts is immaterial to our collective position. After learning of the indented demolition, we requested and received information about the proposal, other available alternatives, and considered the opinions and professional judgment of the Staff. Based on this information, we made a unanimous decision to support the Application for demolition.

As confirmed by the findings of the BAR there is no objective reason to think that additional time or further studies will alter the established fact that the structure in question is not a viable candidate for adaptive reuse under any current or foreseeable circumstances. Similarly, leaving the structure in its current dilapidated condition only further deters reasonable reinvestment in the general vicinity including other potentially feasible redevelopment or rehabilitation opportunities.

The residents of the Lofts are all relatively new to the City, and this was our first collective experience with the BAR process. We were struck by the extremely detailed and thorough approach that the BAR took to its decision making process. Having reviewed the Staff analysis prepared in advance of this Appeal, we find there to be no facts or circumstances that were not already fully and fairly debated in July and would cause any change in our collective

position. In that context, the absence of any new or substantive facts would seem to call into question the legitimacy of any basis for reversing the BAR or imposing requirements in addition to the extensive, and as I understand them to be, unprecedented conditions already in place pursuant to the BAR approval.

We look forward to a similarly thoughtful and fair review process in connection with the evaluation of any future options for the ultimate redevelopment of the Property in question.

Thanks in advance for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely yours,

Gregory A. Riegle

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Please respond to Elizabeth Jones pennyjones l@verizon.netsmall> ; Please respond to To william.euille@alexandriava.gov, frank.fannon@alexandriava.gov, kerry.donley@alexandriava.gov, alicia.hughes@alexandriava.gov, council@krupicka.com, delpepper@aol.com,

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Subject COA Contact Us: American Legion- FayetteStreet

Time: [Thu Oct 15, 2009 13:05:33] Message ID: [16130]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Phone: 703-379-4814

Email Address: pennyjones1@verizon.netsmall,

Subject: American Legion- FayetteStreet

Dear Council Members:

You have received many comments about the need to

save and reuse the historic building at 224 Fayette Street, and I want to

add my request to save the building. It embodies important history for

the African-American Community and all residents of

Alexandria. Even

though it is a small building it has the potential for many different

reuses. It does not need to be moved from

Comments:

its original location to build

condos.

I hope that you will see the possibilities for this building and

save it on its original site for the community. I will not be able to

testify on Saturday because I will be out of town. Thank

you.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth F. "Penny" Jones



William Cromley wm.cromley@mindspring.com

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10/16/2009 10:52 AM

To jackie.henderson@alexandriava.gov

cc "Duncan Wardman Blair, Esquire" <dblair@landclark.com>

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Subject Missing Photos for 224 N. Fayette St Appeal

History:

This message has been replied to and forwarded.

Hi Jackie,

The packet that Planning & Zoning sent to your office yesterday was missing the attached photos that were part of my BAR presentation at the July hearing. We asked at that time that they be made a part of the public record. Would you please forward these on to The Mayor and Council Members?

Thank you,

Bill Cromley 421 N. Alfred St. Alexandria, VA 22314 (703) 973-2250 wm.cromley@mindspring.com



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Other "Contributing Buildings" in the Parker-Gray neighborhood listed in the Virginia Landmarks Register and in the proposed Uptown/Parker-Gray National Register Historic District.

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE:

OCTOBER 15, 2009

TO:

THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM:

FAROLL HAMER, DIRECTOR AND ZONING DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ZONING

SUBJECT:

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION FOR BAR CASE 2009-0109 APPEAL

Please find attached additional information for your consideration for the Appeal of BAR Case 2009-0109 approving the Permit to Demolish for the former American Legion building at 224 North Fayette Street. The information includes the following:

1. Original BAR application materials.

2. Photographs submitted by applicant to staff on October 4, 2009 and which the applicant states were shared with the BAR at the July 22, 2009 public hearing.

These documents were inadvertently not included in the October 9th docket packets and requested by the applicant to be sent to you for consideration.

Jackie Henderson, City Clerk and Clerk of Council cc:

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ADDRESS OF PROJECT:	224 N. Fayette	Street	
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Applicant: X Property Owner	er Business (Pleas	e provide business name & conta	act person)
Name: William Croml	.ey		
Address: 421 N. Alfred	St.	_ _	
City: Alexandria	State:VA_	Zip: 22314	
Phone: (703) 973-225	50 E-mail : wm •	cromley@mindspr	ing.com
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Legal Property Owner:			
Name: Same as above	·		
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Yes No If yes, has the Yes No Is there a hon	neowner's association for t	o the proposed alterations?	ations?

If you answered yes to any of the above, please attach a copy of the letter approving the project.



NATURE OF PROPOSED WORK: Please check all that apply	
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DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED WORK: Please describe the be attached).	e proposed work in detail (Additional pages may
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SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS:	
Items listed below comprise the minimum supporting materia request additional information during application review. Pleas <i>Design Guidelines</i> for further information on appropriate treatments.	e refer to the relevant section of the
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Electronic copies of submission materials should be submitted	whenever possible.
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considered feasible.

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Additions & New Construction: Drawings must be to scale and should not exceed 11" x 17" unless approved by staff. All plans must be folded and collated into 12 complete 8 1/2" x 11" sets. Additional copies may be requested by staff for large-scale development projects or projects fronting Washington Street. Check N/A if an item in this section does not apply to your project.					
N/A	Scaled survey plat showing dimensions of lot and location of existing building and other structures on the lot, location of proposed structure or addition, dimensions of existing structure(s), proposed addition or new construction, and all exterior, ground and roof mounted				
	equipment. FAR & Open Space calculation form. Clear and labeled photographs of the site, surrounding properties and existing structures, if				
	applicable. Existing elevations must be scaled and include dimensions. Proposed elevations must be scaled and include dimensions. Include the relationship to				
	adjacent structures in plan and elevations. Materials and colors to be used must be specified and delineated on the drawings. Actual samples may be provided or required.				
	Manufacturer's specifications for materials to include, but not limited to: roofing, siding, windows, doors, lighting, fencing, HVAC equipment and walls.				
	For development site plan projects, a model showing mass relationships to adjacent properties and structures.				
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N/A	Linear feet of building: Front: Square feet of existing signs to remain: Photograph of building showing existing conditions. Dimensioned drawings of proposed sign identifying materials, color, lettering style and text. Location of sign (show exact location on building including the height above sidewalk). Means of attachment (drawing or manufacturer's cut sheet of bracket if applicable). Description of lighting (if applicable). Include manufacturer's cut sheet for any new lighting fixtures and information detailing how it will be attached to the building's facade.				
Altera	tions: Check N/A if an item in this section does not apply to your project.				
N/A 	Clear and labeled photographs of the site, especially the area being impacted by the alterations, all sides of the building and any pertinent details. Manufacturer's specifications for materials to include, but not limited to: roofing, siding, windows, doors, lighting, fencing, HVAC equipment and walls. Drawings accurately representing the changes to the proposed structure, including materials and overall dimensions. Drawings must be to scale.				
	An official survey plat showing the proposed locations of HVAC units, fences, and sheds. Historic elevations or photographs should accompany any request to return a structure to an earlier appearance.				

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ALL APPLICATIONS: Please read and check that you have read and understand the following items:

- I have submitted a filing fee with this application. (Checks should be made payable to the City of Alexandria. Please contact staff for assistance in determining the appropriate fee.)
- I understand the notice requirements and will return a copy of the three respective notice forms to BAR staff at least five days prior to the hearing. If I am unsure to whom I should send notice I will contact Planning and Zoning staff for assistance in identifying adjacent parcels.
- I, the applicant, or an authorized representative will be present at the public hearing.
- I understand that any revisions to this initial application submission (including applications deferred for restudy) must be accompanied by the BAR Supplemental form and 12 sets of revised materials.

The undersigned hereby attests that all of the information herein provided including the site plan, building elevations, prospective drawings of the project, and written descriptive information are true, correct and accurate. The undersigned further understands that, should such information be found incorrect, any action taken by the Board based on such information may be invalidated. The undersigned also hereby grants the City of Alexandria permission to post placard notice as required by Article XI, Division A, Section 11-301(B) of the 1992 Alexandria City Zoning Ordinance, on the property which is the subject of this application. The undersigned also hereby authorizes the City staff and members of the BAR to inspect this site as necessary in the course of research and evaluating the application. The applicant, if other than the property owner, also attests that he/she has obtained permission from the property owner to make this application.

APPLICANT OR AUTHORIZED AGENT:

Signature: 17/1/2 50 100

Printed Name: William Cromley

Date: 5/25/09

224 N. Fayette Street

Board of Architectural Review Application for Demolition

SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

1) Survey plat showing the extent of the proposed demolition.

Attached.

2) Existing elevation drawings clearly showing all elements proposed for demolition.

Attached.

3) Clear and labeled photographs of all elevations of the building if the entire structure is proposed to be demolished.

Attached

4) Description of the reason for demolition.

Structure is long past its useful life and has effectively been demolished by neglect by a lack of care and maintenance on the part of its two former owners, the City of Alexandria, and American Legion Post 129.

I intend to re-develop the property with a new structure that better conforms to the uses prescribed for the CRMU-M zone, utilizes cutting edge green building technologies, and meets the goals and objectives of the newly minted Braddock Road Metro Small Area Plan.

5) Description of alternatives to demolition and why such alternatives are not considered feasible.

There is no alternative to a substantial partial demolition: the entire skin of the building must be demolished to remove the original asbestos siding, a serious public health hazard. The roof and windows must also be demolished as they have deteriorated beyond repair. If retained, the building would be left with little or no original building materials.

In March of this year, the building was offered as a gift to the City of Alexandria as an alternative to demolition; the offer was rejected.

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Criteria for Demolition in the Parker-Gray District

1) Is the building or structure of such architectural or historic interest that its removal would be to the detriment of the public interest?

No. The structure was built on a large parcel of land purchased by the City of Alexandria in 1944. It was constructed from a set of kit-like plans drawn up by the Virginia State Department of Education for utilitarian structures built throughout the state. The buildings, including several others built in Alexandria, were built for economy using the most basic building techniques and readily available building materials. The structure and grounds were used by the City school system as a nursery and playground from 1945 to 1949.

In 1950, the City leased the building to American Legion Post 129 but kept the adjacent playground for use as a city park. The City sold the building to Post 129 in 1987 with a right of first refusal to buy the building back should the Legion ever decide to sell it. The City declined to purchase the building when it was offered to them by the Legion in 2000, and at that time also released the Legion from their obligation to offer the City a first right of refusal for any future sale.

In 2009, the building was purchased by William Cromley who made a formal offer to the City Manager to give the building to the City and move it, at his expense, to the adjacent city park that it had once been a part of. After several weeks of consultations with the Department of Planning & Zoning and the Office of Historic Alexandria, the City declined to accept the building.

2) Is the building or structure of such interest that it could be made into an historic shrine?

No. There is nothing about the building's architecture or history that could reasonably elevate it to the status of an historic shrine.

3) Is the building or structure of such old and unusual or uncommon design, texture and material that it could not be reproduced or be reproduced only with great difficulty?

No. The building is neither old nor of an uncommon design. Its original building materials are ordinary and were applied with no special skill. The original asbestos siding sheaths the exterior walls; the existing asphalt shingle roof, installed in 1960, replaced the original asphalt shingle roof.

4) Would retention of the building or structure help preserve and protect an historic place or area of historic interest in the city?

No. The site's history is one of a nursery & playground, and later as a meeting hall for an American Legion post. The City used the building for only five years before renting it out and later selling it. The City chose to subdivide the property and sell off the building in 1987; they chose not to buy it back when they had the opportunity in 2000; and they chose not to accept the building when it was offered to them as a gift in 2009. Clearly the City does not believe the building is worthy of "retention." Nor does it consider schools in general worthy of "retention." Since the establishment of Alexandria's two historic districts, the City has demolished seven school buildings in the Old Town and Parker-Gray neighborhoods. Another similar nursery building in the old Chinquapin Village was demolished to build T.C. Williams High School (of "Remember the Titans" fame, the 2000 movie about the school's football team that put Alexandria's black history on the national map), which was itself demolished in 2008 and replaced by a new building.

The Charles Houston Recreation Center and the James Bland public housing complex are two other recent examples of obsolete pubic buildings recently demolished or approved for demolition within the boundaries of the Parker-Gray Historic District.

The history of the building during its use by the American Legion, first as a tenant of the City, and later as an owner, is more checkered. American Legion Post 129 was established in 1939 for black veterans and named for William Thomas, the first black Alexandrian killed in World War I. Their first meeting hall at 1001 Pendleton Street, a USO building and later a recreation center, was sold by the City and demolished for development in 1978.

Post 129 moved to 224 N. Fayette Street in 1950. Memories by immediate neighbors of the Legion's tenure at the building are universally unfavorable. Raucous parties and their accompanying police calls for service were a weekend staple at the building for decades. Years of public nuisances—noise, trash, public urination—as well as more serious criminal activity, including at least one shooting, are a part of the public record, as well as being a deeply ingrained part of the neighborhood's collective memory.

The Legion sold the severely dilapidated building, under threat of foreclosure, in April 2008. It was re-sold to William Cromley in February 2009. William Thomas Post 129 has relocated to the 2600 block of Mt. Vernon Avenue, coincidentally, right across the street from another kit nursery at the intersection of Mt. Vernon and Commonwealth Avenues.

The adjacent city park, which was created as a part of the original nursery complex, has faired considerably better than the building that was separated from it by the City in 1950. The building itself, under both the City's and the Legion's ownership, has effectively been demolished by neglect. The park however, does effectively preserve the

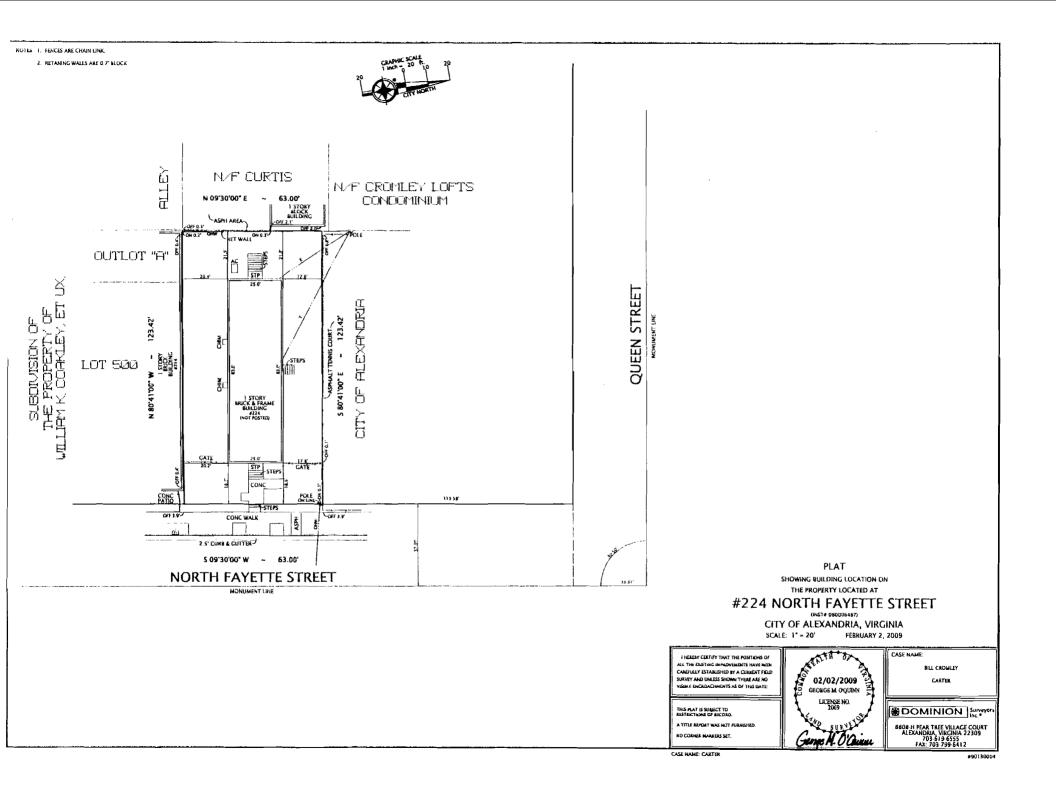
history of the site and its original use as a stomping ground for toddlers. The original swing set and sandbox are long gone, but its use today as a playground is much the same as it was when it was first constructed.

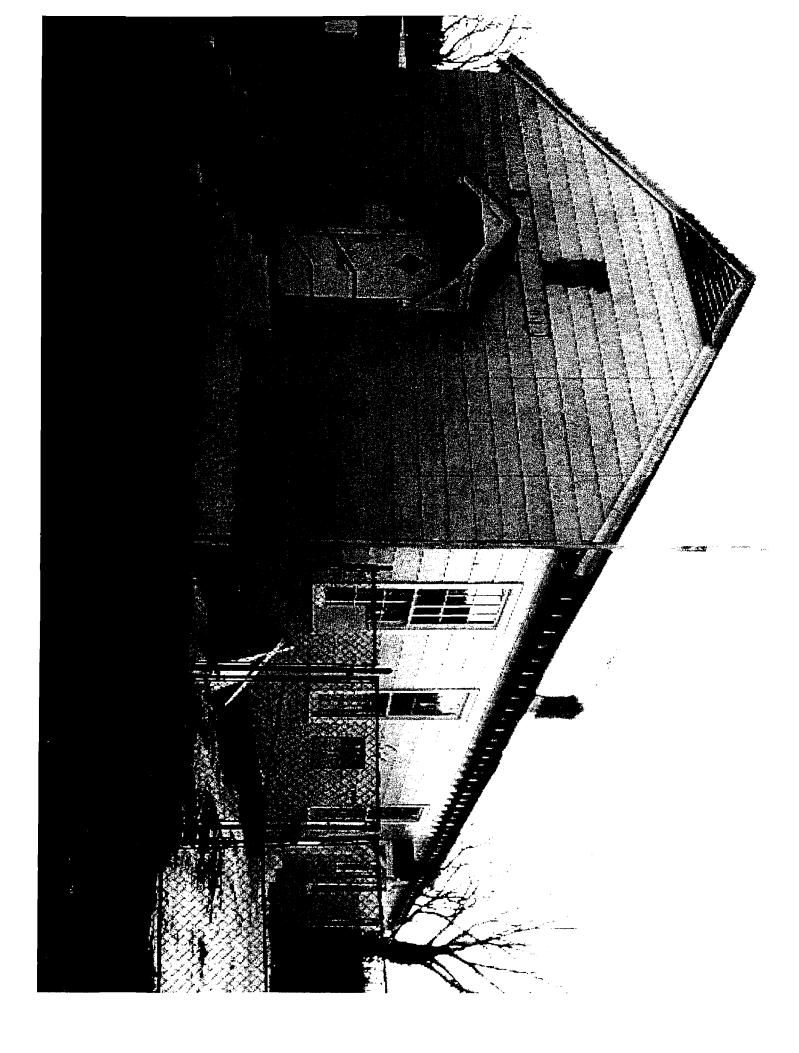
5) Would retention of the building or structure promote the general welfare by maintaining and increasing real estate values, generating business, creating new positions, attracting tourists, students, writers, historians, artists and artisans, attracting new residents, encouraging study and interest in American history, stimulating interest in the study of architecture and design, educating citizens in American culture and heritage and making the city a more attractive place to live?

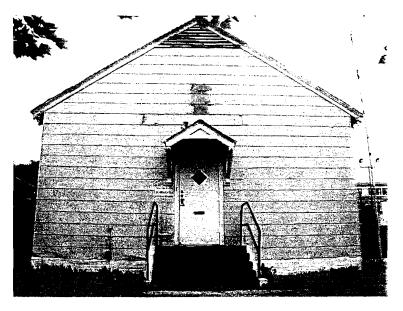
No. To the contrary, the retention of this structure would <u>depress</u> real estate values, <u>discourage</u> business, and <u>repel</u> tourists. Retaining this structure would in no meaningful way encourage the study of American history or stimulate an interest in architecture and design, nor would its retention make the City a more attractive or desirable place to live.

6) Would the retention of the building or structure help maintain the scale and character of the neighborhood?

No. The structure is one story in height. The predominant scale of the neighborhood is two and three story structures.



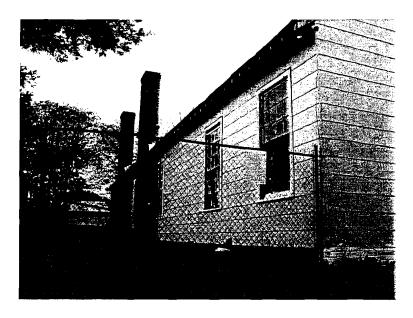


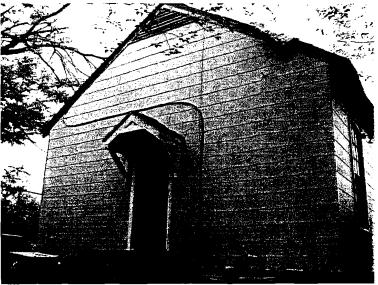




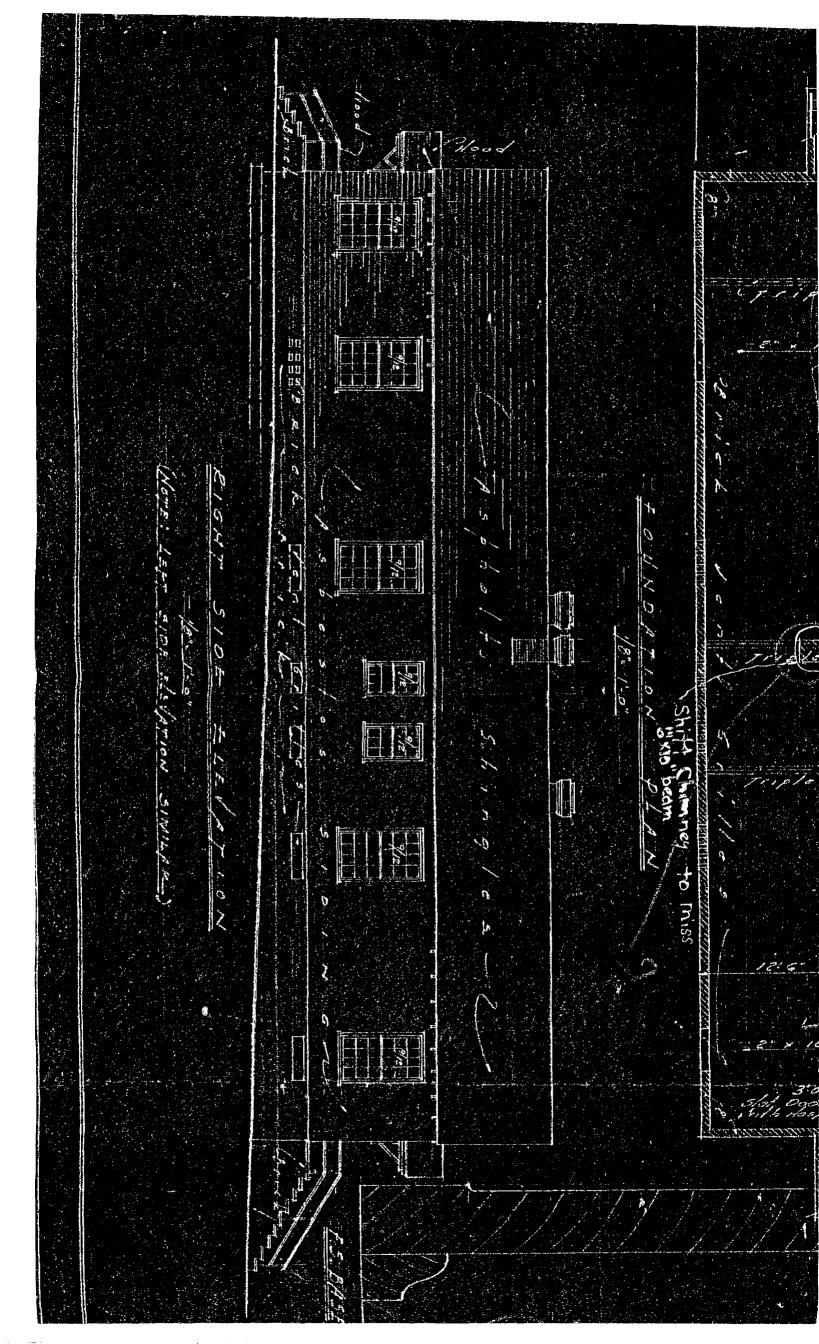
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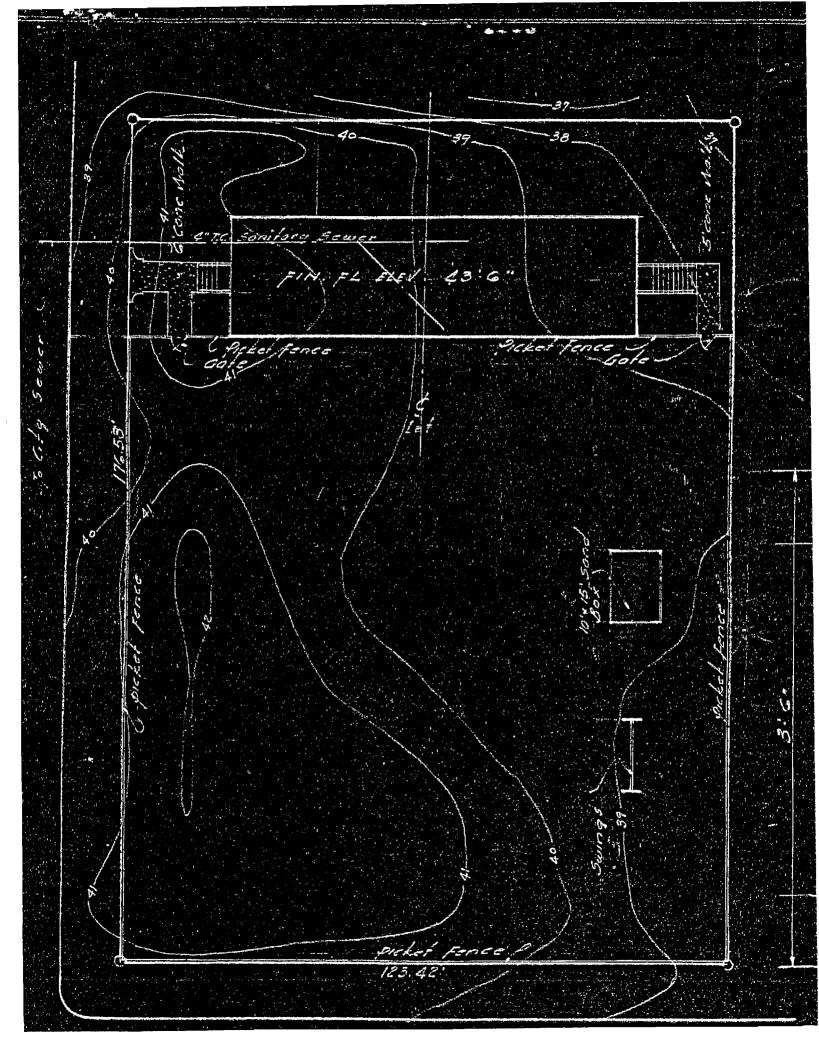
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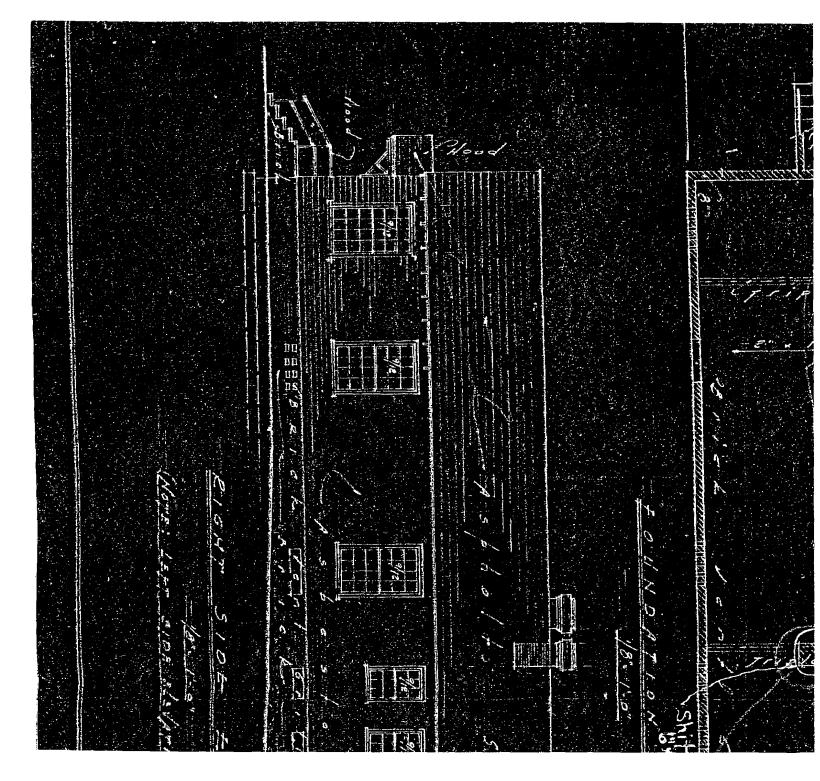




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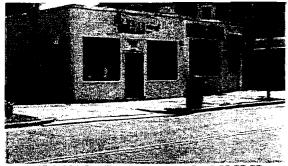
Good Morning: Bill and I have completed the first review of the Staff Report and notice that several items contained in the record and presented as part of the application or at the public hearings; specifically, a copy of the original application and analysis of the Code Criteria and the Photographs of other Listed Contributing Structures submitted into the record. The materials need to be included as soon as possible.

Additionally, the Staff Report (p. 9) provides new information about the building on Mt. Vernon Ave, specifically that it was "constructed by Arlington County in 1922 for use as a County Health department and was for different uses, population, constructed twenty years apart. The report does not contain any back up. Could that information be provided as soon as possible?

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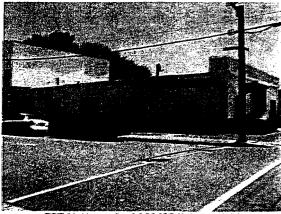
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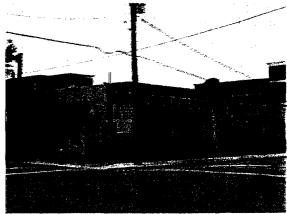
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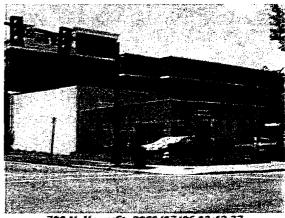
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Other "Contributing Buildings" in the Parker-Gray neighborhood listed in the Virginia Landmarks Register and in the proposed Uptown/Parker-Gray National Register Historic District.